

July 16, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, July 20, 1998 - 12:00 Noon.
MAG Office, Suite 300 - Mesquite Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. The purpose of the meeting is to receive an update on Valley Vision 2025, discuss federal transportation funding, and review our practice of having showcase agency presentations. A luncheon will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at 350-8865 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of June 4, and July 2, 1998 Meeting Minutes.</u>	2. Review and approve June 4, July 2, 1998 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Valley Vision 2025 Update</u> A Co-Chair of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will provide an update regarding the activities of the Committee.	3. For information and discussion.
4. <u>Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Update</u> In June, an overview of the recently passed Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was provided to the Regional Council. Final funding levels for TEA-21 are being determined by the Federal Highway Administration and by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Initial estimates from FHWA indicate that Arizona's	4. For information, discussion and possible action.

annual average of highway spending would increase from \$256 million to \$403 million. This would account for a 57 percent increase in transportation funding to Arizona over the next six years. There is concern that the amount returned to this region would not be proportional to statewide increases. A technical corrections bill passed by Congress restores a portion of the funding to this metropolitan area. TEA-21 requires that the Arizona Department of Transportation in cooperation with MAG and the Regional Public Transportation Authority provide funding estimates for the development of projects for this region. Staff will provide a report on efforts to determine the funding level for this region.

5. Showcase Agency Presentations

For several months, Showcase Agency presentations have been made at the beginning of each Regional Council meeting. With many of our communities already having had an opportunity to make a presentation, it has been suggested that the remainder of the potential showcase agencies be asked if they want to be scheduled for a presentation and adjust the schedule accordingly. Consideration of this idea is requested.

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